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## Letter dated 28 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 26 October 2000 from Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq, giving an example of the type of behaviour in which the United States of America and the United Kingdom engage when placing holds on contracts under the memorandum of understanding of 20 May 1996 for irrational reasons in their determination to harm the people of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Saeed H. **Hasan**
Ambassador
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## Annex to the letter dated 28 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I refer to the previous letters in which I showed you the consequences of the policy of the United States of America and the United Kingdom of blocking contracts under the memorandum of understanding of 20 May 1996 in their determination to harm the Iraqi people, the most recent of which was the letter dated 10 June 2000 (S/2000/563, annex).

I now present to you the case of the contract with the assigned number 700793, signed by the Ministry of Trade with the Turkish company Pakmaya for the supply of dry baking yeast. It was placed on hold by the representative of the United Kingdom in the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) on the pretext that it could possibly be used for purposes of biological weapons production and also by the representative of the United States on the grounds of seeking information on the end-user of the item.

Since the purpose for which this substance is used is obvious, namely to make bread in government-owned and private bakeries, and since the identity of the end-user was made known to the Committee, I am bringing this matter to your attention as yet another indication of scheming and malicious intentions against the Iraqi people.

*(Signed)* Mohammed Said **Al-Sahaf**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq